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To Whom It May Concern:

I have followed the Microsoft antitrust case as well as I could for the last few years. I understand that they may have kept the computer software marketplace from being as competitive as it could have been. However, I feel that they have a superior product and do not feel like I was hurt by their market dominance. I understand that the court documents show otherwise. But in the spirit of "life goes on", I think this case should be resolved soon, as it has gone on long enough for the general public.

The settlement that has been worked out by the Department of Justice, etc. seems to be a fair settlement which does penalize Microsoft somewhat, but gives the other computer manufacturers more leeway with their products. A number of states have approved of this settlement, and it would be helpful for the economy and the taxpayers to bring this aspect of the settlement to a close, with the agreed upon resolutions.

Regarding the January 2002 AOL lawsuit, the fact that they are starting this now that this case is finally closer to settlement, and, also, that AOL only purchased Netscape after this DOJ investigation was up and running may attest to the fact that AOL does not want, so much, to compete with Microsoft, as to block Microsoft from getting back to its main business. I hope that this newest lawsuit will be seen as only self-serving.

Thank you,

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